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October 5, 2005

✓ James E. Kernodle
Subject: KERNODLE, JIM

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Dear Requester:

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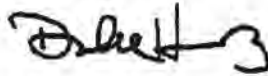
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Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Hardy", with a stylized flourish at the end.

David M. Hardy
Section Chief
Record/Information
Dissemination Section
Records Management Division

Enclosure(2)

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From: Director, FBI

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**UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, s/a/a
CITIZENS COUNCIL LAKE,
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI;****COMPLAINANT
DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING**

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Enclosed are two copies of a self-explanatory Departmental letter dated **2-17-71**.Complete the requested investigation in accordance with the provisions of Section **137**, Manual of Instructions, and surep within **15** days of the receipt of this communication.State in the first paragraph of the details of your report that it contains the results of a ☒ limited investigation and underscore the word ☒ limited
☐ preliminary ☐ preliminaryAdvise ☒ all persons interviewed
☐ appropriate officials at the outset that this investigation is being conducted at the specific request of the Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Civil Rights Division, U. S. Department of Justice, referring to him by name as well as title.

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NOTE: Department advised they received a complaint that a subdivision begin to hold itself as a private club, and they are discriminating against black applicants. The Department is requesting that we conduct an extensive limited type investigation. Kansas City being instructed accordingly.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Memorandum

TO : Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: FEB 17 1971
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FROM : Jerris Leonard
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

DJ 175-43-NEW

SUBJECT: Unknown Subjects, d/b/a
Citizens Council Lake,
Kansas City, Missouri;
[redacted] - Complainant
DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Sullivan _____
Mr. Mohr _____
Mr. Bishop _____
Mr. Brennan CD _____
Mr. Callahan _____
Mr. Casper _____
Mr. Conrad _____
Mr. Dalbey _____
Mr. Felt _____
Mr. Gale _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tamm _____
Mr. Walters b7C _____
Mr. Soyars _____
Tele. Room _____
Miss Holmes _____
Miss Gandy _____

On February 12, 1971, [redacted] reachable at telephone number JA3-0072 in Kansas City, Missouri, advised a Division attorney concerning the subject residential development known as Citizens Council Lake. The development was known as Kernoodles Lakes prior to the enactment of a fair housing ordinance in Kansas City, Missouri. Subsequent to the enactment of the ordinance the name was changed to its present form, and at that time the development also began to hold itself out as a private club. A newspaper article in the Kansas City Star within the past year attributed the name change and the adoption of the private club status as attempts to evade the local fair housing ordinance. The same article possibly also contained information about treatment of black applicants. [redacted] volunteered to attempt to locate a copy of the Star article. He added that the subject is located in south Kansas City, Missouri, and comprises several hundred residences, mostly priced under \$30,000.

Please conduct the following preliminary investigation:

1. Please interview [redacted] for any further details, and obtain from him copies of any pertinent newspaper articles.

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2. If a copy of the newspaper article is not available through [] please inspect back issues of the Kansas City Star for such an article. b7C

3. Please interview appropriate persons disclosed by the Star article.

4. Please determine from state and local governmental bodies with civil rights interests, any information concerning the subject. Please provide copies of relevant materials.

5. Please obtain responsible interviews from five black persons affiliated with the real estate business in Kansas City, Missouri area, and from them determine

(a) Any information they may know about the subject's housing practices before and after the name change and the adoption of a private club format;

(b) The identity of any black persons who reside in the subject's development, or who applied to inspect, be shown or purchase homes there, or join a club, and an account of what treatment such persons were afforded; and

(c) The opinion of the kind of image, if any, which the subject establishment has in the community regarding possible discriminatory practices.

6. Please interview appropriate representatives of the subject and determine

(a) The identity of companies, associations, clubs, real estate companies and others having interests in ownership or management of sales of houses and operation of any club or club facilities at the subject development. Please identify the race of owners, executive committees, managers and the like.

(b) The number of homes in the development, and the number owned or occupied by black persons; and by persons of other minorities, and the number, if any, of lots to be developed or sold;

(c) A description of residential and recreational facilities at the development, and of any real estate promotion, sales or lending services provided for the development. Please note what changes, if any, were made with respect to the preceeding activities after the name was changed and private club adopted.

(d) The procedures for

(i) purchasing a house in the development;

(ii) becoming a member of any private club or residents' association;

(iii) utilizing any recreational facilities.

In this connection, is there a "buy-back" arrangement at the development, or does the development screen new residents or members?

(e) The identities of black persons who indicated interest in possibly buying a house in the development, or becoming a member of any private club or residents' association connected with the development, and who did not buy or become members, and the reasons, if known, surrounding such failure to buy or to become members;

(f) The identity of eight minority group residents of the development;

(g) The subject's explanation for the reasons for the name change and the adoption of a private club format. In this connection please ascertain the dates of the adoption of the local fair housing

ordinance, and of the changes in the subject's name and format;

(h) Any instructions, or statements or other pronouncements of policy regarding fair housing at the development. Please determine any changes which were made in this policy. Please provide copies of pertinent materials.

(i) The number of members, by race, of any club or association, and the number of employees, by job category and race, for the subject club or association, as appropriate.

8. Please determine from , Greater b7C Kansas City Council on Religion and Race, 2416 Swope Parkway, Kansas City, Missouri, 924-7500, any relevant information which she or the fair housing organization may have regarding the subject.

9. Please obtain responsive interviews from five black persons who indicated interest in possibly buying at the development or joining any club, and determine details of their contacts with the subject, and the explanation why they did not buy or join.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE KANSAS CITY	OFFICE OF ORIGIN KANSAS CITY	DATE 3/8/71	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 2/24-3/8/71	b7C
TITLE OF CASE CHANGED; JAMES E. KERNODLE; OLIVER PAUL KERNODLE, aka Paul Oliver Kernodle; DBA Citizen's Council Park, Kansas City, Missouri, [redacted] COMPLAINANT		REPORT MADE BY [redacted]	TYPED BY MEL	
		CHARACTER OF CASE DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING		

Title has been changed to reflect the identities of JAMES E. KERNODLE and OLIVER PAUL KERNODLE as operators of Citizen's Council Park and [redacted] as Complainant. Bureau airtel to Kansas City, 2/19/71. "UNSUBS; DBA Citizen's Council Lake, Kansas City, Missouri, [redacted] Complainant".

REFERENCES: Bureau airtel to Kansas City, 2/19/71.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Inasmuch as investigation fails to substantiate the existence of a residential development as alleged by Complainant and inasmuch as possible discrimination

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in Public Accommodations violations are being handled by the Missouri Commission on Human Rights and the Missouri Attorney General and are in litigation in Jackson County District Court, Kansas City, Missouri, no further investigation is being conducted. Complainant has been so advised.

Persons interviewed during the course of this investigation were advised that investigation was being conducted at the specific request of JERRIS LEONARD, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Kansas City, Missouri

Report of:

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3/8/71

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Title:

JAMES E. KERNODLE;
OLIVER PAUL KERNODLE;
DBA Citizen's Council Park,
Kansas City, Missouri,

Character:

- COMPLAINANT
DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING

Synopsis:

Complainant alleges discrimination in housing in residential development known as Citizen's Council Lake, Kansas City, Missouri, known as Kernoodles Lake prior to enactment of Fair Housing Ordinance in Kansas City, Missouri. Development allegedly consists of several hundred residences, mostly priced under \$30,000. Investigation reflects JAMES E. KERNODLE and OLIVER PAUL KERNODLE and families have operated summer recreational area at 4100 East 119th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, charging daily fees since 1929, and have refused to admit Negroes. Complaint first filed in 1966 with Missouri Commission on Human Rights under Missouri Public Accommodations Act of 1965 and action pending in Jackson County Circuit Court, Kansas City, Missouri, upon request of Missouri Attorney General, to hold KERNODLES in contempt for failure to obey court order of 4-70 to cease discriminatory practices. Area presently known as Citizen's Council Park and no residential development located in area.

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DETAILS

This investigation is predicated upon a request of the Civil Rights Division of the U. S. Department of Justice at which time the following information was furnished:

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Attempts were made by SA [redacted] on February 24, 1971 and February 25, 1971 to contact [redacted] Associate Pastor, St. Augustine's Church, 7801 Paseo, Kansas City, Missouri, at telephone number JA3-0072. The housekeeper was requested to have [redacted] contact Special Agent [redacted] at the Kansas City FBI Office at his earliest opportunity.

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March 8, 1971

Date

[redacted] Associate Pastor, St. Augustine Church, 7801 Paseo, was contacted by telephone March 1, 1971 at which time he was advised that SA [redacted] desired to interview him personally at the earliest possible time regarding the complaint in this matter. [redacted] stated that he could not be available for personal interview until the morning of March 3, 1971. He stated that he had read several articles in the Kansas City Star and/or the Kansas City Times newspapers on unrecalled dates, possibly more than a year ago, regarding discrimination against Negroes at Kernodles Lake located in the southern part of Kansas City, Missouri, near Grandview, Missouri.

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Several weeks ago, he had been for an automobile ride in this area and noticed a sign at the entrance to Kernodles "Citizen's Council Park" (not Citizen's Council Lake). He said that he associated this sign with "White Citizen's Council" and that this had discriminatory connotations to him. As a result, he notified an attorney in the Civil Rights Division, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C. He stated that he would attempt to locate the newspaper articles to which he referred at the earliest possible time and make them available to SA [redacted]. He stated that except for an observation of the sign, he had no first-hand knowledge of any discrimination and that he did not believe that he would be able to furnish any additional information upon personal interview.

On March 3, 1971, SA [redacted] contacted [redacted] by telephone at which time [redacted] stated that he would not be available for personal interview on the morning of that date but expected to be at the church rectory at 1:00 PM and thereafter on that date. At this time, [redacted] was advised that investigation failed to substantiate that there was a residential development of several hundred residences located at or in the vicinity of Kernodles. He stated that he had had the impression that there was such a residential development at Kernodles

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by SA [redacted] /MEL Date dictated 3/5/71

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but that he did not know where he had received this impression and that he had no information as to the actual existence of such a development.

SA [] attempted to contact [] at 7801 Paseo at approximately 2:30 PM, March 3, 1971 at which time the housekeeper stated that she was unable to advise as to the location of [] or when he would return to the church rectory.

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On March 5, 1971, SA [] contacted [] by telephone at which time [] stated that on March 4, 1971, he had mailed copies of pertinent newspaper clippings to the Kansas City FBI Office and that he would be unable to furnish any additional information upon personal interview. SA [] advised [] that inasmuch as the alleged discrimination in public accommodations was under continuing investigation by the Missouri Commission of Human Rights and action pending in Jackson County Circuit Court, that no further investigation was being conducted by the FBI at this time.

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1Date March 8, 1971

[redacted] Greater Kansas b7C
City Council on Religion and Race, 2416 Swope Parkway,
was advised of the official identity of interviewing
Agent at which time she furnished the following information:

She has been aware for several years, in a general way, of alleged discrimination against Negroes by the operators of Kernodles Lake in the southern part of Kansas City, Missouri, but she has never received a formal complaint and has no file on the matter. She stated that she was not aware of any residential housing development at this location and that she could not furnish any specific information of value in this matter.

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by SA [redacted] /MEL Date dictated 3/5/71 b7C

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date March 8, 1971

[redacted] Field Representative,
Missouri Commission on Human Rights, State Office Building,
14th and Cherry, was advised of the official identity
of interviewing Agent at which time she furnished the
following information:

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JAMES E. KERNODLE and his brother, OLIVER PAUL KERNODLE, also known as PAUL OLIVER KERNODLE, both white males and approximately 70 years of age, have, with their families, operated a recreational area of 155 acres at 4100 East 119th Street, (also known as Martha Truman Road) in the southern part of Kansas City, Missouri, since 1929. Located on the premises are two small lakes for fishing, a lake for boating and a lake for swimming and also concession stands and picnic areas. Daily fees are charged for admission and for use of the various facilities. This area is operated only during the summer months. The brothers and their families reside on the premises.

In 1965, a Public Accommodations Act was enacted in the State of Missouri.

In August, 1966, [redacted] a Negro stationed at Richards-Gebaur Air Force Base, filed a complaint with the Missouri Commission on Human Rights alleging discrimination against Negroes at Kernodles Lake and Recreation Park in violation of the Public Accommodations Act.

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On May 15, 1967, the commission found probable cause to believe that the allegation was correct and the matter was referred to the Commissions Conciliation Department. Conciliation efforts failed and a public hearing by the commission was scheduled for August 15, 1967. On the latter date, the hearing was continued and was held October 2 and 3, 1967 at the City Hall, Kansas City, Missouri.

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by SA [redacted]/MEL Date 3/5/71 b7C

Kernodles, by then known as the South Kansas City Recreation Club, a not-for-profit corporation, incorporated March 20, 1964, claimed exemption from the law. It was stated that this club operated the recreational grounds on lease with Kernodles Park, Inc., and that JIM and PAUL KERNODLE were employed as managers. On July 3, 1968, an order was issued by the Commission directing the South Kansas City Recreation Club to cease unlawful discriminatory practices, and finding that this was not a private club, but merely a sham organization, formed to exclude from its recreational area all persons of the Negro race.

The Commission is empowered to issue orders but has no authority to enforce such orders. The Commission conducted testing during the summer of 1969 and found that Negroes were still excluded from Kernodles. In April, 1970, a hearing was held before Judge HARRY HALL, Jackson County Circuit Court, Kansas City, Missouri, on a petition of the Commission to enforce the Commission's order. Judge HALL ordered the officers of the corporation to stop discriminating. In May, 1970, a letter was received stating that Kernodles Park, Inc., had leased the land to Citizen's Council, Inc., and that JAMES KERNODLE was employed as manager and would derive income from concessions. The Commission again made tests during the summer of 1970 and found that Negroes were still being excluded. In September, 1970, the office of the Missouri Attorney General petitioned the Circuit Court to hold the Kernodles in contempt for failure to obey the court's order of April, 1970. This matter is still pending.

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[redacted] stated that all the information she has concerning Kernodles is in the realm of Public Accommodations. She has no knowledge of any residential housing development at Kernodles or in the area. In the past, she has become aware that there are a few house trailers on the premises, not more than 10 to 15, and that rent is paid to the Kernodles but she does not know whether this is rental for the trailers or merely space rent for trailers owned by the occupants. She has no knowledge concerning any investigation conducted regarding rental practices concerning these trailers and she has no knowledge concerning the occupants. Since the trailers are located

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inside the gate to Kernodles and since no Negroes are admitted through the gate, she presumes that only white persons occupy the trailers.

[] exhibited a photograph which she believed was taken in May or June, 1970 showing a sign at the entrance to Kernodles which sign reflects "Citizen's Council Park, 4100 East 119th Street."

[] furnished copies of the following:

1. A clipping from the Kansas City Star Newspaper dated Friday, June 13, 1969.
2. A clipping from either the Kansas City Star or the Kansas City Times, undated, with the heading "Lake Policy still 'Whites Only'".
3. A clipping from the Kansas City Times, November 3, 1970.
4. A two-page pamphlet of the Kansas City Citizen's Council with the heading "Why Must Kansas City Organize?".

[] could not advise as to where or when this pamphlet was obtained.

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Kansas City Star

Friday, July 25, 1969

Lake Still Off Limits to Negroes

By Charles Hammer
(A Member of The Star's Staff)

On July 27, 1968, a Negro Marine sergeant sought to enter Kernodle's lake recreation area in south Kansas City and was refused admittance.

He filed a complaint under the Missouri public accommodations law, which led to the first hearing under the law, and the first order by the Missouri Commission on Human Rights directing a facility to cease discriminating in public accommodations.

Nearly three years have passed, and Sgt. Frederick Peoples has completed a tour of duty in Vietnam.

SHH All White

But Jim E. Kernodle, who described himself as a "manager" of the park, said yesterday no Negro has ever swum in any of the lakes in his recreation area.

He said the club is now Kernodle's country club and is closed to the public. He said individuals may appear and make application to join. If the managers choose, these persons will be admitted to the park free of charge on their first visit, he added.

Later, the board of directors will rule on whether they will be admitted to the country club, he said. He was asked whether Negroes, such as Sergeant Peoples, would be admitted.

"That's up to our discretion," he said. "I can let anybody I want to in here free. If I don't want to let you in, I don't have to. It's like your Jewish country club over there."

Richard E. Risk, executive director of the Missouri Commission on Human Rights, said he is "interested" in the situation at the park.

Profit the Key

"The key factor in determining whether a facility is a private club is answering the question, 'does it run for profit?'" Risk explained.

He said the commission deter-



Jim E. Kernodle

mined from evidence presented at the hearing that the Kernodle operation was run for profits, and the profits accrued to Jim Kernodle and his brother, Paul Kernodle.

Jim Kernodle testified at the hearing in October, 1967, that the operation—then called South Kansas City Recreation club—was a private club. He said persons appeared at the gate and paid \$1 to gain membership and admittance.

In its ruling, the commission said the "park was open to the public generally and was advertised as a recreational area. However, it was closed to Negroes..."

"... it is crystal clear that the purposes of forming the club and its official policy is to exclude members of the Negro race from the facilities of the recreation park and to make it available only to white persons."

'Merely a Sham'

The commission concluded that "... this club was merely a sham organization formed to circumvent the provisions of the public accommodations law."

The commission ordered those in charge of the club and park to

cease discriminating, and to take a lengthy series of steps to insure there would be no discrimination.

The commission ruled it would retain jurisdiction for two years after the date of the order—July 11, 1968—in order to determine "... whether or not any future changes in the operation of the business make it an exempt establishment under the law."

The South Kansas City Recreation club appealed the order to the Jackson County Circuit court. But Judge J. Donald Murphy denied their request to stay enforcement of the order pending appeal.

Risk said he was informed by Kernodle's lawyer that he has dropped the appeal effort.

Jim Kernodle was a section leader of the John Birch society here, and he led the Kansas City Wallace for President effort before the 1968 elections. He is president of the whites-only Citizens council in Kansas City.

'Not Against Coloreds'

"I'm for private property rights," Kernodle explained yesterday. "I'm not against colored people ... That was one of the plans of the Communist Manifesto—to abolish private property. The Star is just as Red as it can be, going along with this."

He said his appearance before the commission was not a trial, and was only a hearing before a board of "commissars" appointed by the governor.

"Yes, they're commissars," he said. "I felt like I was in a Communist country, being grilled."

Told of Sergeant Peoples's service in Vietnam, Kernodle said his son and his brother's son also had served there. He said Kernodle's country club would take his application if it appeared at the gate, and it would be considered.

"But we either take or reject people, depending on whether we want to," Kernodle added.

Lake Policy Still 'White Only'

Ordered by the Jackson County Circuit court to cease "all unlawful discriminatory practice," the operators of the former Kernodle's Lake and Park in South Kansas City have leased their facilities to the whites-only Citizens Council.

James E. Kernodle, one owner of the recreation area at 4100 East 119th street, said the lakes and park are being operated by Kansas City Citizens Council, Inc.

Kernodle said the park and lakes are open only to Citizens Council members. Membership is open only to whites. He emphasized he is not managing the park and has no more to do with it than any other member of the Citizens Council.

Questioned on the matter, Kernodle said it is possible for persons desiring entry to join the Citizens Council at the park gate. An official of the council is at the gate, he said, and applications go to the Kansas City Citizens Council president, William J. Dressman.

Kernodle said all signs relating to Kernodle's lake have been removed, and other steps have been taken which he said constitute full compliance with the judgment issued April 23 by Judge Harry Hall of the Jackson County Circuit court.

Attorneys at the national headquarters of Citizens Councils in Jackson, Miss., agree that Judge Hall's order to cease discrimination has been complied with, Kernodle said.

The transfer of the operation to the white Citizens Council is the third major shift in operation of the park since July 27, 1966—the date a Negro Marine sergeant was turned away at the gate.

Sgt. Frederick Peoples filed a complaint under the Missouri public accommodations law. Since then Sergeant Peoples has served a tour of duty in Vietnam and been returned to another assignment. But Kernodle said yesterday that so far no Negro ever has enjoyed the facilities of the lake and park.

After the sergeant's complaint was filed, the operation was transferred to the South Kansas City Recreation club, a corporation which the Kernodles contended was private.

But the Missouri Commission on Human Rights



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the corporation to comply with the order of the Missouri Commission on Human Rights.

The order states that the defendants as individuals and as directors of the various corporations, as well as "their agents, employees, or successors in interest, and all of those in active concert or participation herein be and hereby are permanently enjoined from the practice of any and all unlawful discriminatory practices and to cease and desist from any and all unlawful discriminatory practices."

Judge Hall's statement indicates Kernodle's Country Club and the defendants individually have refused to offer or accept applications for membership from any Negroes and that the sole basis for such refusal is because of their race. . . . This corporation was organized to exclude Negroes from use of the facilities owned by Kernodle Park, Inc., and to avoid compliance with the public accommodations law. . . . The corporation is in law and fact a sham corporation which serves as the alter ego of defendants James E. Kernodle and Oliver Paul Kernodle.

The judgment by Judge Hall orders the Kernodle brothers and several other defendants who had served as directors of

Ten Arrested in Raid

KK Times
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Q-What is the Citizens Council Park?

A-This is an exclusive and private park for Citizens Council members. 155 acres of beautiful wooded rolling hills located at the South central edge of Kansas City, just north of Grandview. Four lakes, a total of 60 acres - two for fishing, one for boating and water skiing, and one for swimming. The swimming lake has a sand beach, bath houses, concession stand, life guards, grass causeway - nothing like it in Eastern Missouri. There are shelter houses, landscaped picnic grounds with ample picnic tables and barbeque pits and children's playgrounds.

Q-What is the Park used for?

A-For meetings and rallies and for members and their families to have a safe place to go, unmolested, just to have fun, relax and enjoy God's green earth.

1. If you are interested in joining the Citizens Council, please send a letter or postcard, with your name and address on it to:

Kansas City Citizens Council Inc.

P. O. Box 6325

Kansas City, Missouri 64126

or telephone SO 1-6550

If you would like, also list names and addresses of your friends, relatives or associates who you believe may also be interested in joining the Citizens Council.

2. This pamphlet is distributed by the Membership and Finance Committee of the Kansas City Citizens Council, Inc. at the:

Citizens Council Park

4100 East 119th Street

Kansas City, Missouri

(1 mile west of Truman Corners)



A united and determined white majority, with responsible and effective leadership, can accomplish virtually any goal! The Citizens' Council has an action program which is our best example of intelligent resistance! By joining and supporting your local Citizens' Council, you can hasten the day of victory!

And I might point out that our effort in the Citizens' Council throughout this country is not against any segment of our population. But we believe that if we preserve local government and States' Rights and constitutional government that we are doing something for every man, woman and child in our state and in our country.

Won't you join with me in becoming an active member of your local Citizens' Council? We need your help, your support and your prayers!

GEORGE C. WALLACE

Why Must Kansas City Organize?



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Questions and answers for residents of Kansas City who sincerely believe in States' Rights and individual liberty, and who recognize the urgent necessity to provide an effective voice for the majority community in the discussion of racial problems.

Prepared by:
**Membership & Finance
Committee.**

**KANSAS CITY
CITIZENS' COUNCIL**

**GREATER KANSAS CITY AREA
ORGANIZATION—THE KEY TO VICTORY!**

Why Must Kansas City Organize?

Q—What is the present situation in Kansas City?

A—For the past several years, there has been a growing awareness among local people that, in terms of discussion of racial problems and the breakdown of law and order, the majority community has been almost totally without a voice or representation. Well intentioned efforts to appease the agitators have served only to whet their appetites for power. Today, civil rights fanatics will settle for nothing less than total compulsory integration of every residential area, every social gathering, and every privately-owned business enterprise. Law enforcement, property values, our schools and neighborhoods are all threatened by the civil rights drive for preferential treatment for the Negro minority. In addition, the new left radicals are attempting to undermine the very values that make our country great.

Q—What can be accomplished by joining the Kansas City Citizens Council? Will it make my efforts more effective in preserving individual freedom and the constitutional right to choose my associates?

A—Without a doubt, the answer to minority dominance of the community lies in the creation of effective majority community representation. A strong Kansas City Citizens Council can provide a voice for the majority community in discussion of racial problems, oppose forced integration and preferential treatment for Negroes, and support local law enforcement. Years of experience have proved that there is no substitute for effective organization.

Q—Why the Citizens Council? Aren't there already too many organizations in Kansas City?

A—Your local Citizens Council can be instrumental in translating the majority community viewpoint into effective action at all levels. To date, no other organization has undertaken this task. The Citizens Councils are now America's and Missouri's largest patriotic, educational, and action group. Strong Citizens Councils have helped communities and states maintain property rights, law and order, local control of institutions and freedom of choice in racial matters, while unorganized cities have been helpless. During the past 16 years, the Citizens Councils have demonstrated that effective organization is the key to victory over the agitators and other collectivists. The Kansas City Citizens Council enables the local majority community to unite in a program for victory.

Q—Who runs the Kansas City Citizens Council and sets its policies?

A—YOU! Each local Council — including ours in Kansas City — is completely autonomous. You and other members select the officers and directors who plan our program and determine our policies. This provides us with sound, responsible local leadership. In addition, through our affiliation with the Citizens Councils of America, the State Association, and Tri-State Association (Missouri, Kansas and Illinois), we have the valuable opportunity to consult with leaders throughout the country and with other local Citizens Councils whose problems are similar to ours.

Q—Can the Citizens Council work with businessmen to prevent forced integration and financial ruin?

A—Yes! Statistics show that integration is bad for business! By working to uphold property rights and freedom of choice, your Citizens Council can make an important contribution to the continued prosperity of this area. We can help local businessmen resist assaults by Negro and Communist agitators. We can demand — and obtain — vigorous enforcement of existing laws, and safeguard the right of each business to operate as its owners see fit, in keeping with our American traditions.

Q—Is membership in the Citizens Council open only to men?

A—No! Women are the guardians of our homes. They train our children. It is important for them to be members! We need the support of the ladies — particularly the mothers.

Q—As a member, what will I be asked to do?

A—You will have an opportunity to work with a committee of the Council, according to your own profession or field of interest. Special projects such as voter registration drives will require volunteer workers. The few hours you devote to the Council will be repaid in full by the inner satisfaction of knowing that you are doing something positive for your children and for your community's future.

Q—How much will it cost me?

A—A local Citizens Council has minimum monthly dues of \$2.00 per member. This includes a subscription to the official monthly magazine, THE CITIZEN, support of the Citizens Council Forum television and radio service, and the state and national associations and receipt of the local council's monthly newsletter, and entitles you to use the facilities of the Citizens Council Park on payment of fixed admission fee.

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On March 4, 1971, SA [] made observations in the vicinity of 4100 East 119th Street, (also known as Martha Truman Road), Kansas City, Missouri. This area is rural in nature and located in the southern part of Kansas City, Missouri, near Grandview, Missouri. A sign at 4100 East 119th Street bore the legend "Citizen's Council Park". The area is mostly wooded, a number of small lakes could be observed and no housing development could be observed anywhere in the area. Several small frame buildings could be observed at a considerable distance from the road and in the same area could be observed three house trailers which appeared to be on permanent foundations.

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On March 8, 1971, there was received at the Kansas City FBI Office copies of newspaper articles as submitted by []. These articles are as follows:

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2. An article dated May 31, 1970, page 13A, entitled "Lake Policy Still 'Whites Only'".
3. An article dated August 23, 1970, page 19A, entitled "Black Doctor Tests Lake's Club Status".
4. An article in the Kansas City Times, November 3, 1970, entitled "Kernodle Park Official Tells of Racial Ban since 1929".

All of these articles are from the Kansas City Times or Kansas City Star Newspaper.

The copies furnished are photographic copies and could not be duplicated on available equipment for inclusion in this report. The first article concerns the Citizen's Councils in the Kansas City area and the affiliation of JAMES KERNODLE with these organizations. The second article appears heretofore in connection with interview with []

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[] The third article reflects that [] a Negro who is a member of the Jackson County Civil Rights Advisory Commission and a member of the Kansas City Board of Police Commissioners, had been denied admission to the Citizen's Council Park. He had been given an application for membership in the Citizen's Council but had not been accepted for membership. The fourth article has been previously set forth in connection with interview of []



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AUG 31 2007

Mr. Ernie Lazar
Apartment 6
577 S. Thornhill Road
Palm Springs, CA 92264-7884

Re: Appeal No. 06-2518
Request No. 1032135
ADW:KAM

Dear Mr. Lazar:

You appealed from the action of the Kansas City Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on your request for access to records pertaining to the John Birch Society. I regret the delay in responding to your appeal.

After carefully considering your appeal, and as a result of discussions between FBI personnel and a member of my staff, I am releasing portions of seven additional pages to you, copies of which are enclosed. Please note that these are the best copies available. I am, however, otherwise affirming, on partly modified grounds, the FBI's action on your request.

The FBI properly withheld certain information that is protected from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act pursuant to:

5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(2), which concerns matters that are related solely to internal agency practices;

5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(C), which concerns records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes the release of which could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of third parties; and

5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(D), which concerns records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes the release of which could reasonably be expected to disclose the identities of confidential sources and information furnished by such sources.

Finally, in your appeal letter you state that data contained in newspaper articles has been excised. A member of my staff reviewed the newspaper articles and noted that the only information excised was handwritten notes in the margins. These notes pertained to third parties for which you did not provide a proof of death.

If you are dissatisfied with my action on your appeal, you may seek judicial review in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(B).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janice Galli McLeod". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Janice" being the most prominent.

Janice Galli McLeod
Associate Director

Enclosures

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, KANSAS CITY (62-3) 100-11488 DATE: 7/28/61

FROM : SA [REDACTED] 7C

SUBJECT: JAMES KERNODLE
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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DATE 03-22-2006 BY 60309 auc
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[REDACTED] 7C
[REDACTED] personally
visited the Office on 7/14/61 and desired information con-
cerning JOHN BIRCH Society. The FBI policy in regard to
dissemination of information was explained to [REDACTED] 7C
and he stated that the only reason he came in was due to the
fact that JAMES KERNODLE who is principal of the Kernodle's
Park in Hickman Hills, Missouri, had indicated a meeting
would be held in the near future and gave some indication
this would be a meeting of the John Birch Society. [REDACTED] 7C
7C [REDACTED] stated that inasmuch as he is in business in the
[REDACTED] area he could not very well refuse to attend
this meeting but he would like to furnish the purpose of
his attending this meeting in case this society is ever
determined to be one which is against the best interest of
the U. S.

He was advised that a note would be made of his
visit and the purpose of same.

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THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

On March 31, 1962, at 4:00 p.m., one Robert Love spoke to a group of 150 to 200 persons at the Student Union Theater, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas. The advertised topic of this talk was "The John Birch Society - A Menace to You?". Love was further billed as a Wichita, Kansas industrialist and founding member of the John Birch Society. His talk lasted for about one hour, with a question and answer period of equal length following. His talk was sponsored by the Student Union Browsing Library Committee of Kansas State University.

Love set forth a ten point program of the Society directed toward combatting the growth of Communism, which was apparently the general theme of his talk. He touched upon the objective to the Society to cause the impeachment of Chief Justice Earl Warren, indicating that Justice Warren's appointment was a political payoff and that he had no judicial experience prior to his appointment.

Love urged his audience to keep informed of the threat of Communism and to see that the circulation of "conservative" periodicals is expanded to insure that "left-wingers" and "liberals" do not gain control through default.

There were no demonstrations at this meeting and it received a minimum of local publicity.

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THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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CONCERNING

Enclosed herewith are ten copies of a letterhead memorandum, suitable for dissemination, relative to a speech made on the campus of the Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, on 3/21/62, by ROBERT LOVE, Wichita, Kansas, a supporter and admitted charter member of the John Birch Society.

The source of information in this case is [REDACTED]

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SAC, Kansas City (100-11488)

April 2, 1962

Director, FBI (62-104401)

**JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)**

Reurlet 3/27/62 enclosing 10 copies of a letterhead memorandum relative to a speech made on 3/21/62 by Robert Love on the campus of the Kansas State University.

For your future guidance the Bureau does not desire information concerning captioned Society submitted in memorandum form inasmuch as we are not investigating the organization nor are we disseminating any information concerning it unless it is of an extremely pertinent and urgent nature. Therefore, unless future information is of such nature it should not be submitted in letterhead memorandum form. Also, 10 copies of a letterhead memorandum submitted to the Bureau is deemed excessive and you should follow the policy for the submission of reports in determining the number of copies of a letterhead memorandum to be furnished the Bureau.

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Memorandum

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TO : SAC, KC (62-0)

FROM :

SA [REDACTED] 7C

SUBJECT:

FREEDOM CENTER, INC.
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 8/21/62, [REDACTED] residence [REDACTED] 7C
[REDACTED] who operates the
[REDACTED], came
to this office.

He said he wanted to give information about a
new corporation called Freedom Center, Inc., which he
said had been incorporated by [REDACTED] 7C

[REDACTED] and THURMAN MC CORMICK, Retired attorney,
[REDACTED] He said Freedom Center, Inc. will
operate a book store at 1412 Westport Road, Kansas City,
Mo., JE 1-6003 and that [REDACTED] 7C

[REDACTED] said that Freedom Center, Inc. is a
non-profit organization organized for patriotic purposes. 7C
He said he and the other incorporators are anti-communist
and the purpose of Freedom Center, Inc. is to operate a
book store handling anti-communist literature and acquaint
people with the dangers of communism in the Midwest.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (100-0)

DATE: 9-19-62

FROM : SA [REDACTED] 7C

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] 7C
INFORMATION CONCERNING [REDACTED] 7C

[REDACTED] Fort Leavenworth, Kansas on 9-19-62 advised he is receiving correspondence from Subject who writes on letterhead stationary of the [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] requesting the loan of film from the post library.

7C [REDACTED] displayed a letter from [REDACTED] ~~indicating~~ attached to a public letter inviting the public to attend showings of films by the Conservative Educational Forum each 1st and 3rd Sunday of each months at the Johnson County Community Center 6019 Lamar, Mission, Kansas. The invitation was to show [REDACTED] the use to which he was putting this film. The invitation was in the form of a program of a previous meeting on which one DAN SMOOT discussed Anti Communist topics and similar films were shown.

7C [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] appears in the "Whos Who" and appears to be reputable but ~~xxx~~ he is unable to find any record of SMOOT other than a book written by him entitled The Hope of the World (religion).

7C [REDACTED] stated in view of recent criticism of the Army in connection with their Anti communist activities he did not want to ~~xxxx~~ be supplying such films to someone who might use it for a purpose ~~xxx~~ ~~xxxxxxx~~ other than for which it was intended.

Please check KC indices and furnish any data which can be furnished. [REDACTED] 7C

Re: 9/20/62
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Robert Love (John Birch Society,
Wichita, Kansas)

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Remarks:

Love to relate tonight at Ruskin H.S.
Auditorium. with Kernwood (local
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